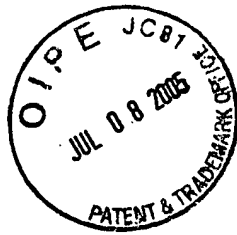


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Japan 2000-25251
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English language counterparts to these Japanese language documents are not known. Accordingly, machine-generated English translations have been obtained from the Japanese Patent Office ("JPO") website, and those machine-generated translations are enclosed herewith. Because they are machine-generated, however, it is expected that the translations will contain errors and inaccuracies, and in any event are most certainly in non-idiomatic English. Nevertheless, the translations are believed useful to obtain a general understanding of the disclosure of these documents.

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Moreover, it is Applicants' position that the claims herein are allowable for the reasons stated at page 6 of the Office Action, since these references are not seen to disclose or to suggest a recess which is open at a vertical side of the ink container.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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